

I am aghast at the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

What does this mean for our democracy, for fair and balanced access to information? It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Too much concentration of ownership is bad for the public interest, as is the capacity to dictate programming decisions from outside the community.

Please, do what you can to strengthen media ownership rules. Voting is but one note in the symphony of democracy. What people see on public airwaves is crucial.

But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.